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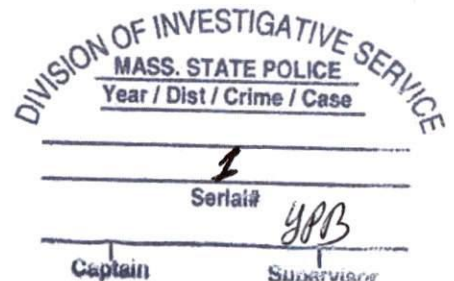
To: Detective Lieutenant Brian P. Tully #3520

From: Trooper Michael Proctor #3863

Subject: Initial Response to the Motor Vehicle Homicide of John O'Keefe (DOB: (c) )  
at 34 Fairview Road, Canton MA.

Case: 2022-112-033

1. On January 29, 2022 at approximately 6:45AM I, Trooper Michel Proctor was contacted by Sergeant Yuriy Bukhenik regarding an unresponsive male located outside of a residence in Canton. The Canton Police Department received a 911 call at approximately 6:04AM advising of a male party, John O'Keefe was discovered in the front yard of 34 Fairview Road and unresponsive. O'Keefe's girlfriend, Karen Read along with Kerry Robert and Jennifer McCabe discovered the victim not breathing and called 911. At the time the victim was discovered there was heavy snow and high winds, this weather pattern continued on throughout the entire day. Canton EMS transported O'Keefe to Good Samaritan Hospital where he was determined to be deceased several hours later by Doctor Justin Rice.



2. The status of O'Keefe was unknown at the time I was notified of him being transported to Good Samaritan. I contacted Canton Fire Paramedic, Anthony Flematti who was on scene and transported O'Keefe to the hospital. Anthony stated O'Keefe had some cuts to his right arm, bruise to his right eye and was suffering from hypothermia. Anthony stated based on O'Keefe's condition at the time he was transported to Good Samaritan he placed about a ten percent chance of O'Keefe surviving. Canton PD and Fire had secured from the scene at this time. Prior to securing from the scene, Canton PD took eighteen photographs of the area and secured fragments of a broken cocktail glass located next to O'Keefe. In the area of where O'Keefe was discovered numerous spots of blood was observed in the snow. Canton PD placed six samples of snow/ice containing blood into cups. The glass fragments and blood samples was secured into evidence at the Canton Police Department. I contacted Sgt. Bukhenik and responded to the Canton Police Department.

3. Sgt. Bukhenik and I spoke with Sgt. Sean Goode of Canton PD who was the supervisor on scene. Sgt. Goode stated he received the 911 call for O'Keefe at 6:04 and dispatched Officers Saraf and Mullaney to the scene. Sgt. Goode called a patrol cruiser to the station so he could respond to the scene and assist. While on scene, Sgt. Goode identified Karen Read, Kerry Roberts and Jennifer McCabe and had conversations with them. Sgt. Goode stated Karen was hysterical and yelling "Is he dead". Sgt. Goode placed Karen in the rear of his cruiser to warm up as the temperature was in the teens with heavy snow. Karen then got into Kerry's vehicle as Sgt. Goode advised Kerry to take her home. Sgt. Goode stated after Karen and Kerry left the scene he was contacted by dispatch that Karen was making suicidal statements to her father over the phone. Sgt. Goode instructed Kerry returned to the scene and issued a Section 12 for Karen. Canton EMS transported Karen to Good Samaritan Hospital.

4. On January 29, 2022 at approximately 11:30AM, Sgt. Bukhenik and I arrived at the residence of Matthew and Jennifer McCabe. We first spoke with Jennifer who stated her and some friends were at the Waterfall Bar last night in Canton. Jennifer stated her and Matthew arrived at the Waterfall Bar at approximately 9:00PM. At approximately 11:00PM, John and Karen arrived at the Waterfall Bar together. John and Karen have been in a dating relationship for two years and Karen stays at John's house most nights. Jennifer observed Karen walk into the bar holding a glass cup from CF McCarthy's with a clear liquid inside what she believed to be a vodka soda drink. Jennifer observed John wearing a baseball hat, jeans and sneakers. John and Karen were at CF McCarthy's bar across the street before going to the Waterfall Bar. Jennifer stated John and Karen appeared to be



in a good mood and did not observe any arguing amongst the two. Jennifer described the atmosphere inside of the bar as friendly and there were no arguments amongst any patrons. As the bar began to close down everyone was invited back to 34 Fairview Road. Jennifer observed Karen and John leave Waterfall Bar together. As the group was exiting the bar John texted Jennifer "Where to" at 12:14AM. Jennifer replied with the address, 34 Fairview Road. At 12:18AM, John called Jennifer to ask where the house was located on Fairview Road. While inside the residence, Jennifer observed a black SUV arrive in front of 34 Fairview Road from the front door. Jennifer texted John at 12:31AM, "Hello" and at 12:40AM texted "Pull up behind me". Jennifer observed the black SUV move from the initial place the vehicle stopped on the street, near the driveway and then proceed to the left side of the property. At 12:45AM, Jennifer texted John "Hello" and then observed the black SUV drive away. Jennifer stated they discovered John in the area where she last observed the SUV, left side of property. At approximately 4:53AM, Jennifer received a phone call from Karen looking for John. Karen was distraught and drove over to Jennifer's house. Karen told Jennifer she last remembered seeing John at the Waterfall Bar. Jennifer informed Karen she observed John and her leave the bar together. Jennifer drove Karen's vehicle from her house back to John's because Karen was too hysterical to drive and had Kerry Roberts follow them. While driving to John's house Karen stated to Jennifer, "Could I have hit him", "Did I hit him". Jennifer stated Karen told her about a cracked tail light on her vehicle. Once they arrived at John's house, Karen had Jennifer look at the cracked tail light. Jennifer described the passenger side, right rear tail light as cracked. Jennifer and Karen entered Kerry's vehicle to look for John. Karen was seated in the back as Kerry drove and Jennifer was seated in the front passenger seat. Jennifer stated they turned onto Fairview Road from Chapman St, at the time it was snowing heavily creating poor visibility. Jennifer stated just prior to 34 Fairview Road there is a cluster of trees and immediately Karen stated she saw John. Jennifer and Kerry were not able to see John and initially confused by Karen's statement. Jennifer stated Kerry began wiping snow off of John as Karen laid on top of him for warmth and then began CPR.

5. Sgt. Bukhenik and I then spoke with Matthew McCabe. Matthew stated he was at the Waterfall Bar on Saturday night and observed John and Karen enter. Matthew observed John wearing a baseball hat with a curved visor and Karen drinking a clear liquid drink, possibly vodka. Matthew stated everyone was going to 34 Fairview Road from the bar. Matthew entered his vehicle and his wife, Jennifer was on the phone with John telling him to go to 34 Fairview Road. While at the Fairview residence, Matthew observed a large dark SUV pull up on the street. Matthew was looking out the front door and described the SUV initially parked in front of the house. Matthew looked out a

window and observed the same vehicle had moved towards the right side of the property. From Matthew's vantage point, inside and through the front door the vehicle was to his right or left side of property if looking at the house from the street. Matthew's last sighting of the vehicle is in the area of where the victim was discovered at approximately 6:00AM.

6. Sgt. Bukhenik and I arrived at Good Samaritan Hospital to view the victim. I observed approximately six bloodied lacerations varying in length on O'Keefe's right arm. The cuts extended from his forearm to bicep. Both of the victim's eyes were swollen shut and black and blue. I observed a cut to the right eyelid area of the victim. The victim's clothing, blue jeans, orange t-shirt, long sleeve shirt and boxer shorts were saturated and contained blood and vomit. I observed one black Nike sneaker with a white Nike logo on the side belonging to the victim. While at Good Samaritan we attempted to speak with Karen but was informed she had been released after a few hours of arriving.

7. On January 29, 2022 at approximately 4:30PM, Sgt. Bukhenik and I arrived at the residence of Karen Read's parents in Dighton, MA. Upon arrival, Sgt. Bukhenik and I observed a large black Lexus SUV, bearing Massachusetts registration: (c) [REDACTED]. The vehicle is registered to Karen Read. The vehicle was parked outside in the driveway, in front of a garage door. We observed the rear right passenger side tail light to be shattered. A large red plastic piece was missing from the tail light. Sgt. Bukhenik and I were invited inside by the homeowners. Karen, was seated on a living room couch and agreed to speak with us. Karen stated she met the victim at CF McCarthy's bar in Canton at approximately 9:00PM on January 29, 2022. The victim was there with several friends prior to Karen's arrival. Karen stated the victim was consuming beer and she was drinking vodka sodas. Karen described the glassware she was drinking out of as a vase style. Karen stated her and the victim left CF McCarthy's and went to Waterfall Bar. Karen stated she did not leave CF McCarthy's or enter the Waterfall Bar with a glass or drink. Karen and the victim were at the Waterfall for approximately one hour. During that time there were no altercations or arguments amongst anyone. When Karen and the victim left the Waterfall Bar they were invited to a house on Fairview Road. Karen stated she dropped the victim at the house on Fairview and went home since she was having stomach issues at the previous bar. Karen stated as she dropped the victim off she made a three point turn in the street and left. Karen did not see the victim enter the house. Karen told investigators she first observed the broken tail light in the morning and did not know how she broke it last night. While at the two bars, Karen stated she did not observe any injuries/cuts on the victims arms and the victim



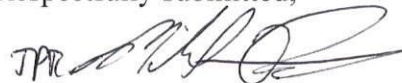
did not suffer any injuries/cuts while at the bars. When Karen discovered the victim in the morning she observed him lying face up, snow on his legs, eyes swollen and blood coming from his nose and mouth. Karen began providing mouth to mouth. Karen attempted to contact the victim throughout the night, calling and texting him numerous times with no response. Karen informed investigators her and the victim were in a verbal argument that morning over what Karen fed the victim's niece for breakfast.

8. Sgt. Bukhenik and I seized the black Lexus LX, bearing Massachusetts registration: (c) VIN: (c) from the driveway of the Read residence in, Dighton. Diamond Towing transported the vehicle to the Canton Police Department where it was secured in their Sally Port garage. Sgt. Bukhenik and I traveled behind the tow truck from the residence to the Canton Police Department. We also seized Karen's Apple I-Phone, which is secured at the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office.

9. On Tuesday February 1, 2022 at approximately 7:40PM, members of the Norfolk SPDU, Massachusetts State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section, Mansfield Police and uniformed patrol, Trooper Everton DeCastro responded to 481 Gilbert Street, Mansfield. The residence is the home of Karen Read. Following knocks on the door, Karen answered and placed into custody on an arrest warrant. Karen was transported to SP Milton Barracks where she was booked, processed and held for court.

10. This is an ongoing investigation as information has not been returned to investigators regarding cell phone information and video surveillance. Investigators are still attempting to access information contained within Karen Read's cell phone and John O'Keefe's desktop computer for potential evidence.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "TPR [Signature]", is written over the typed name.

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